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H.B. No. 3827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the testing of breeder deer for chronic wasting disease.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.3595 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.3595. TESTING BREEDER DEER FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. The department shall pay the costs associated with testing breeder deer for chronic wasting disease as that testing is required by a herd certification program administered by the federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a breeder deer tested on or after the effective date of this Act. A breeder deer tested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the deer was tested and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.